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The MSU men's basketball team was honored in a parade on Main Street yesterday along with Rowan County High School's boy's basketball team and Lakeside Christian Academy's girl's basketball team.
Alli Collis / The Trail Blazer

New MSU website sees new features

LANA BELLAMY—
STAFF WRITER

The MSU website has undergone major reconstruction this year. Last semester, features instituted included Tweagle, and MSU on Twitter, a new navigation portal, customized calendars, and campus alerts that are sent directly to the 'MyMoreheadState' page.

April Nutter, web marketing director in the Office of Communication and Marketing, said developers are working on simplifying navigation around the site.

They are working on separating internal content for current students and employees from external content meant for prospective students, family, alumni, donors, and the community, Nutter said.

The new resource, Tweagle, added last semester, has seen a rise in

participation from students and faculty making contact with listings such as Career Services, Dean of Students, SGA, Camden-Carroll Library and more are being added monthly.

"We have a lot of offices tweeting," Nutter said. "Since you don't have to have a Twitter account to access it, I think that makes it more user-friendly. We also offer the Tweagle feed in MyMSU and some specific Twitter feeds."

Mark Jarvis, senior web shared services administrator in the Office of Information Technology works closely with maintenance on the website.

"Maintenance on a website or web systems is a continual process," Jarvis said. "As a web systems administrator, you continually work to provide content contributors with new tools and technology."

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Art students see life in the big city

SARAH BECKELHIMER—
STAFF WRITER

Bright and early on March 9, nine MSU students and faculty advisor Deeno Golding set off on a four-day trip to New York City.

The purpose of the trip was to expose art students to different city elements and show what they could expect if they moved to the city to pursue an art-related career.

The trip was sponsored by the American Institute of Graphic Arts (AIGA), a professional membership organization dedicated to graphic design.

The students stayed at a Holiday Inn in downtown New York City, just blocks away from Central Park and Times Square.

Sophomore Tiffany Botts said she went on the trip to gain life experience and have a better understanding of the art scene in large cities.

"I learned a lot more about the illustration and graphic design world and how to become more successful, where to go and what to do," Botts said.

Botts, an art education major, said she might go back to New York on her own if given the chance.

"I enjoy having op-

tions and New York City definitely gives you many options," Botts said.

Sophomore Emily Johnson said the group spent the majority of their first and fourth days of the trip on the road. She said they accomplished far more than she had expected to in such a short amount of time.

"We went to the AIGA's Headquarters, Ground Zero, and hit a few shops in Chinatown all in one day," Johnson said.

Johnson said she had never had the opportunity to go to New York before, but had always wanted to go.

"The trip was the perfect mix between a



Emily Johnson and eight other students visited the Modern Museum of Art in New York City.
Photo submitted

vacation and a field trip," Johnson said. Johnson said she learned much about what life would be like for her as a graphic designer in a large city. "I think a major part of

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More couples meet online; get married

CANDICE TUFANO—
STAFF WRITER

Good news for couch potatoes. You may be able to find your soul mate without ever leaving the comfort of your own home. A newly released study reveals the popularity of online dating is on the rise, and more online relationships are ending in marriage.

According to a study conducted by the research firm Chadwick Martin Bailey (CMB), in the last six years, one in six married couples met on an online dating site.

CMB partnered with match.com and conducted three studies over a period of three years to determine how online dating has affected relationships. The data was collected through

an online consumer research panel. The results indicate the Internet may have permanently changed the way we date.

"I fell in love with him before I met him in real life because of who he is."

Katie Hunt
— MSU Junior

According to the CMB study, 20 percent of all relationships formed in 2009 and 2010 began on the Internet.

For MSU students, it's not only online dating sites, but Facebook that are shooting Cupid's

arrows. Many students report finding their "significant other" using social networking.

Junior Katie Hunt "katie.hunt@msu.edu" and her boyfriend Alangha Chaudary "alangkha@gmail.com" met in a music-themed AOL chat room in 2003 when they were bored and wanted to talk to someone new. Their long distance relationship has lasted seven years. Hunt attributes this to the connection they made online.

"He isn't just my boyfriend or some guy I've dated for the last seven years," Hunt said. "He is the best friend I've ever had. I think how we met has a lot to do with that. I fell in love with him before I met him in real life because of who he is. He is

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Only on Main Street MSU alumna aims to provide students options

AMELIA HOLLIDAY—
LIFE AND ARTS EDITOR

On the corner of Battison-Oates Drive and East Main Street sits a brick building painted yellow. Yellow wood siding frames windows filled with Morehead State University shirts and signs exclaiming sales. Men and women, wearing MSU blue and gold, come in the side and front entrances and leave through the same doors carrying bright yellow bags loaded with books and other merchandise. The sign above the front entrance reads "eCampus.com Textbooks and Staff. Cheap!"

The eCampus bookstore



came to Morehead in 2001, and serves as an alternative to the University Bookstore for MSU students looking to buy, sell or rent their textbooks and guaranteeing the lowest prices.

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Amelia Holliday / The Trail Blazer
The Rowan County Viking and the school's cheerleaders participated in a parade to honor their team.

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this trip was to show us where our degrees could lead us," Johnson said. She said the trip was a bit of a reality check. "People think of life in the city as luxurious and fun, but it'd take a lot of work to succeed and thrive in a place like New York," Johnson said. Johnson said she will someday go back to New York City, but only for vacation or business trips.

"As amazing as it is, I don't think I'd want to live there," Johnson said. Johnson is an art area major with an emphasis in graphic design. She said she is looking for opportunities in Cincinnati so she can be closer to home. "I want to work in an urban area without the chaos and expenses of living in the heart of the city," Johnson said.

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always there to support me and to tell me the truth, regardless if I want to hear it or not. I don't know where I would be without him."

Hunt said she didn't think that she and Chaudary would ever talk on the phone, meet in person, or be in a relationship seven years down the road, but things turned out for the best.

The CMB survey didn't specifically mention Face-

book, but for many MSU students it is a useful dating tool.

Senior Jaclyn Frisby and her boyfriend Jeremiah Fleming first met on Facebook when Jeremiah was serving in Afghanistan.

Frisby said, "He added me on Facebook and before long we were chatting on Facebook every day. I knew I liked him, but we didn't meet until he got back."

Frisby said she got to know Fleming very well just by talking to him online. She met several of his family members on the Internet as well, and she was invited to his "welcome home party." Their relationship became official only a few days after they met face-to-face.

But the Internet can be a dangerous place. Despite her "fairy tale Internet ending" Hunt cautions others

about using Facebook and other Internet sites for dating.

"I love my relationship and Alamgir with all my heart, but I don't know how I feel about Facebook," Hunt said. "I'm not really pro-Facebook or anti it either, I'm just indifferent about it. I think it's a great tool, but I just think people need to be very careful. But it could turn out wonderfully as it has for me."

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gies to help them build and promote a user friendly experience. Occasionally things happen which require repair and those get top priority. Our staff is on call 24/7 when the need arises, but thankfully those instances are rare.

Nutter feels the site has done well overall. She said the most successful part of the website are the recruitment tools, since they have improved the process for requesting information and applying to MSU.

However, there are aspects Nutter feels need improvement.

"I think we still have work to be done on MyMoreheadState so that we can offer more single-sign-on and more services and information via the portal, and that's under development," Nutter said.

Jarvis said the most important improvement that has been made is that the website is not more centered around its focus—recruiting.

Students have become more accustomed to the site since last semester.

"Most students have responded positively to the new Web site and to the MyMoreheadState portal," Nutter said. "Change is always difficult, but technology has to evolve. Some people were a little confused at first, as things were new, but now that they've figured out where things are most people are happy with the new site and portal."

The Office of Information Technology and Office of Communications are constantly working on new projects for the site. Nutter said they have been working with Enrollment Services on these new resources.

"We've added some new online resources including new recruitment software with an improved online application process for

prospective undergraduate, graduate and transfer students," Nutter said. "We have also just launched a new site for searching for scholarships, www.moreheadstate.edu/scholarships so that students, prospective and current, can better search for scholarships."

Nutter said recruitment is the overall main focus of the website. Her team continues to work with academic departments to update their sites to make them user-friendly for recruitment prospects.

Jarvis said the single-sign-on is a project they are working diligently on for the future. He said it is a very critical piece is an update that should make payment plans and financial information more accessible through MyMSU.

As the website develops, the goals for improving and developing continue to grow.

"Our main goals are to provide prospective students and families with the information and resources they need and demonstrate why MSU much more than they might expect," Nutter said. "Our second goal is retention, through providing quality online services to students and employees that are user-friendly and effective."

Nutter said she is happy to report that web traffic to the site has increased four times since MSU advanced past Louisville in the NCAA tournament two weeks ago. They also gained about 1,000 new Facebook fans over that weekend, and applications for admission and campus tours are up significantly.

Nutter wants students and faculty to know they appreciate feedback on what is and isn't working and how they can keep improving the website.

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for textbooks in Morehead. eCampus Bookstore Manager, Marta Tomes, said she loves MSU and working in Morehead for more than just business reasons.

"I graduated from Morehead. I used to teach there in the English Department. I just have a lot of affection for the university," Tomes said.

As an MSU alumna, Tomes said she realizes college can be intimidating for incoming students.

"We try to create a kind of cozy environment here. We're a small store and most of the people who work here have worked here for a long time," Tomes said.

Lacy Hale, an eCampus employee for six years, said she likes working in the bookstore.

"It's fun because you get to meet a lot of students. I'm not currently a student though so I get to keep up with people I had classes with," Hale said.

Some students might not realize eCampus is part of a bigger company located in Lexington. Tomes said this aides in getting products to students fast if they do not have them in stock in the store.

"A lot of times if students need a book and we don't have it in stock I can have it [shipped] back over here the next day. So that's kind a service that we can provide because we're not just serving Morehead students, we sell nationally online," Tomes said.

Tomes said a lot of eCampus business is online but the Morehead store does

almost no online business. Tomes said even with other bookstores in the area, business remains strong, although some changes have been made since many students are turning to the Internet to find cheaper books.

"We do buy back year round. We started renting textbooks last summer and met with incredibly good reception," Tomes said.

Tomes said about 80 percent of textbooks at eCampus are rentable.

"I think students are buying their books all over the place now. They are renting books and it's definitely more complicated buying books. The textbook world has changed and we've tried to change with it because we know you're shopping other places as well as in our store," Tomes said.

Hale said working at eCampus has made it easier to talk to students, and hear their complaints or compliments, whether about eCampus or other bookstores.

"I've heard from people that come in here and tell us that we're a lot friendlier and we try to be more helpful. We try our best to help the students any way we can," Hale said.

Tomes said even though the staff is not related, they try to create a family environment for themselves and for customers so everyone feels comfortable in the store.

Tomes said, "We just love working here — we really do. I've got the best staff in town at my store!"

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EDITORIAL

Million woman Wal-March

Wal-Mart may have the largest employer discrimination suit in U.S. history on its hands if the Supreme Court allows a class-action lawsuit against the company to go forward. The largest retailer and private employer in the U.S. is being sued for sexual discrimination, specifically for barring women from the same pay raises and promotions as men.

On Tuesday when the Supreme Court heard the first oral arguments in this case, the justices were not deciding on whether Wal-Mart is guilty of discrimination, but whether the case can be considered a class-action lawsuit, that would include roughly 1.5 million women allegedly discriminated against since December 1998. In order for the suit to be class action, the plaintiff must prove there is a company policy that is discriminatory or leads to discrimination.

The fact that the plaintiffs in the suit have collectively worked at 3,400 stores in 170 job classifications alone is a reason for the Supreme Court to rule that there is possibly a policy that promotes discrimination.

Allegations include women making nearly \$1,000 less annually than men for the same job, hostile work environments for women, and a decreased chance for advancement. Statistics gathered by The Impact Fund indicate that women hold 80 percent of hourly jobs, but less than a third of managerial jobs.

This case is going to be important for several reasons. First it will establish how far workers can go to bring cases against multi-billion dollar corporations, who some consider "too big to sue." It also will have an impact on the general perception of the Supreme Court, which has been seen by left-leaning audiences to be coddling corporations in recent rulings.

The Court has a duty to administer justice, and the fact that the largest employer in the U.S. has possibly treated more than a million U.S. citizens unfairly is not right and it should not be allowed to occur. Ruling against these women would not be serving the interests of the people; it would only serve the interests of multi-billion dollar corporations.



VIEWPOINTS

Glee attack comes too late



AMELIA HOLLIDAY
—
Life & Arts Editor

Whether you watch it or not, it would be almost impossible to not know what the hit show *Glee* is — especially after last week and the comments former Saturday Night Live (SNL) star Victoria Jackson made about the show.

Jackson writes a column for WorldNetDaily.com. It was in one of her

latest columns that she talked about a boy-on-boy kiss on *Glee*, saying it was "sickening!"

Jackson went on to say showing the kiss was just the liberal media's way of shoving their agenda down the public's throats and that two men having a relationship is more of a comedy skit than an alternative lifestyle.

As far as I could determine, she had not bashed *Glee* before this kiss went on air.

What I found kind of funny about Jackson's rant was she said in

later interviews that she watched the show all the time before the kiss, and loved it! Some of the main themes of the show have been promiscuity, infidelity and deception—three areas that I would not think an over-conservative like Jackson would consider wholesome entertainment values for any age group.

So why decide now to attack a show that you have watched up until this point even though it has obviously not held up to your Christian-conservative standards?

Jackson sounds completely insane in her column, most of which is babbling about Muslims trying to tear down the Statue of Liberty, information she got from the spoof website Shariah4America.com, not a very reliable source to get undeniable facts from.

Maybe people should leave her alone — I mean she is just trying to make a living like she did on SNL — by acting like a complete crazy person.

Botox not for children



ALI COLLIS
—
Managing Editor

A California mother is being questioned on her parenting techniques. Why? She has been injecting her 8-year-old daughter with Botox regularly. The mother claims her daughter will someday be a superstar, and in giving the child injections

in her forehead, lips, and around her eyes every three months or so, she is making the future easier for her little girl, as she will have a "baby face" for a long time. The child also gets her body waxed regularly, so that when she hits puberty body hair will no longer grow.

Could things get any worse? All of the Botox injections the mother uses on her daughter are purchased online. The mother argues she is

being completely responsible, because she tests the Botox on herself first. The mother is proud that her daughter is receiving treatments at such a young age. The child says she cries because of the pain of the treatments, but feels grown up whenever they are completed.

This is crazy. The child is 8 years old. There is nothing illegal about Botox injections for young children, but whether or not this moth-

er is adequately caring for her daughter must be questioned. If the child wants to be a star, put her in a dance class or a performing arts school. Wrinkles are not something an 8-year-old girl should be worried about, and Botox is by no means the way to make her a star. The dangers and risks of using the drug need to be considered, as does her mother's sanity.

Be part of the discussion

The Trail Blazer welcomes reader responses. Letters should be 400 words or less and signed. Addresses and telephone numbers should be included (for verification purposes only). Letters must be received in Room 317 Breckinridge Hall or emailed to editor@trailblazeronline.net by 4 p.m. Friday for the next week's publication.

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CAMPUS COMMENT

What teams will play in the NCAA championship game?



Alana Flora
Freshman
Exercise Science
Georgetown

"University of Kentucky and Virginia Commonwealth University."



Dalton Cummins
Freshman
Biology
Broadhead

"University of Connecticut and Virginia Commonwealth University."



Kevin Hunt
Senior
Biology
Ashland

"University of Kentucky and Virginia Commonwealth University."



Kristen Clark
Sophomore
Communication Disorders
Williamsburg

"University of Connecticut and Butler University."

MSU has a new sports superhero

PATRICK FELTNER —
STAFF WRITER

New York has Spider-Man, Gotham has Batman, and now Morehead has Yellow Man.

Fans attending MSU basketball games this season may have seen this mysterious figure leading the student section with passion that could only be found in one who is willing to wear a yellow spandex suit over his face for an entire hour-and-a-half-long basketball game.

During the day the Yellow Man is known as Jakob Ferguson.

After seeing someone on TV wearing a one colored spandex suit, Ferguson decided it would be a great idea to wear one to MSU games.

"I was just like, 'Hey, that would be pretty cool.' I could try to get the crowd going a bit more," he said.

Ferguson began a search online to find a spandex suit. After finding one on www.superfansuits.com he ordered the suit just in time for basketball season.

Ferguson becomes animated as he explains why he is so passionate about the MSU basketball program.

"I think it's because basketball in Kentucky is so huge," he said. "With UK and Louisville and now with the big win we just had — here on campus it can be a bigger thing."

Ferguson didn't have the suit in time for other MSU sports.

"Basketball is the only one I've worn it to so far. I plan on going to baseball, softball, and soccer games this spring," he said.

The Yellow Man's dedication to MSU basketball finally paid off when he was featured in the biggest fans of the NCAA Tournament on ESPN.COM. The attention is not something

he wants for himself.

"I really like the fact that my face is covered up so that the attention is not on me. I'm trying to reflect the publicity on the university. They're giving me a great education, so I try to bring the attention on them," Ferguson says.

When he isn't leading the fan section in cheering for the Eagles, Ferguson is working toward a degree so he can do what he wants later on in life.

"I want to work in sports. I would like to be a director of a YMCA because I like kids," he said.

Ferguson's love for sports is undeniable. Wearing a Yankee's sweatshirt, he eagerly talks about his favorite sport — baseball.

"My favorite team is the Yankees," he said. "But being from the mid-west I don't get to see them much. But being here on campus I can go and show my passion [for sports] that way."



Logan Todd / The Trail Blazer

Jakob Ferguson, "The Yellow Man," wears a full-body, yellow, spandex suit to cheer the Eagles on to some of the teams' biggest victories this season.



Thursday, March 31

A Beginning Ceramics Workshop will be held in the Claypool Young Ceramics Studio, starting at 7 p.m. and ending at 9 p.m. The workshop will cost \$55.

Friday, April 1

"Late Love," a night of poetry and music about love found late in life, will be held in Duncan Recital Hall starting at 8 p.m.

Saturday, April 2

The U.S. Army Field Band Jazz Ambassadors' "America's Big Band" will hold a free concert in Duncan Recital Hall in Baird Music Hall. MSU's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance will host the concert, which will start at 8 p.m. Tickets are free but must be reserved or picked up at the box office.

Tuesday, April 5

The Forum on Culture, Politics, and Society will hold a forum concerning Professor Kelly Collinsworth's "Harry Potter and the Law" class. The forum will start at 7 p.m. in Breckinridge Hall Room 002.

Wednesday, April 6

The opening reception for the "2011 Annual MSU Sophomore Art Exhibition" will be held in the Claypool-Young Art Building. There will be refreshments and live music and the reception is free and open to the public.



Amelia Holliday / The Trail Blazer

Cheerleading coach Bill Mayo drove Beaker through Wednesday's Parade, celebrating wins by Lakeside Christian Academy, Rowan Co. and the MSU Eagles.



Amelia Holliday / The Trail Blazer

MSU's cheerleaders and men's basketball team rode in Wednesday's parade, celebrating their victories.



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President and Mrs. Wayne Andrews waved to Eagle, Viking and Falcon fans as Wednesday's parade to celebrate the teams drove down Main Street.

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Faried named AP All-American

TANNER HESTERBERG—
SPORTS EDITOR

Making a case for Kenneth Faried as the best big man in the country just got a little easier.

The MSU senior center on Monday was named to the All-America Third Team by the Associated Press.

The award is widely considered to be the most prestigious "All-America" honor, although it is not the first accolade of its kind that Faried has received this season.

The Newark, N.J., native also has received an "All-America" rank from Sports Illustrated, the US Basketball Writers Association, Fox Sports, Yahoo and Lute Olsen. Faried was dubbed AP All-America Honorable Mention after his junior year.

Faried's 14.5 rebounds per game and 27 double-doubles led all NCAA Division-I players this season. He also tied for fourth nationally in field goal percentage by shooting a 64.4 percent clip.

Most impressively, the 6-8 Faried is the all-time leading rebounder in the NCAA's modern era with 1,673 caroms.

Faried racked up 86 career double-dou-

bles, placing him just one shy of the record held by former Wake Forest star Tim Duncan.

Faried's jersey was retired to the Ellis T. Johnson arena rafters on senior night on Feb. 12.

He led MSU to its second OVC championship in the last three seasons and an upset of Louisville in the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

Faried is the first Eagle to be named an All-American since the late Leonard Coulter in 1972.

Other All-Americans at MSU include Hrold Sargent (1963), Steve Hamilton (1957), Dan Swartz (1955, 56), Sonny Allen (1950), Warren Cooper (1945) and Earl Duncan (1943).

Bonus basketball

Faried will participate in the National Association of Basketball Coaches College All Star Game tomorrow at 5:15 p.m. at Reliant Stadium in Houston, Texas - the sight of the 2011 Final Four.

Faried will play on the West squad.

The event will be televised on TruTV.



Logan Todd/The Trail Blazer

Kenneth Faried is the eighth AP All-American in MSU men's basketball history.



Zac Vestring/The Trail Blazer

Amber Riddle homered in the first game at ECU on Wednesday and went 2-for-5 with three RBI in game two.

Softball splits with ECU; halts losing streak at 11

Teams combine for eight homeruns

TANNER HESTERBERG—
SPORTS EDITOR

The Morehead State softball team ended an 11-game losing streak with an 18-11 victory at Eastern Kentucky on Wednesday.

After dropping the first game of the doubleheader, 12-10, MSU scored five runs in the first inning of the second game and added 11 runs over the last two frames to put it away.

"To see the forest through the trees becomes a little tricky when you're on a losing streak," MSU head coach Holly Bruder said.

Longball was the theme for both contests as the Eagles and Colonels combined to knock eight homeruns in the twin bill.

Rebecca Butler, Kayla Brill and Anna Sommer went yard for MSU in the win, which came on the heels of a

rough weekend. The Eagles were swept by Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville in a three-game home series on Saturday and Sunday, despite outpitching the Cougars 27-22.

"I think we outplayed them, to be honest," Bruder said. "If we didn't outplay them, we outworked them. We dove into first base looking for a hit, we got runners in scoring position almost every inning. We did some positives, but unfortunately we did more negatives."

The Eagles left 29 runners on base in the three contests, while SIUE stranded 18 - a telltale statistic that played out right from the start.

MSU retired the first three Cougar batters to begin the opening game of Saturday's doubleheader before finding some early offensive success.

Brooke McCartney singled to left center and advanced to second on Rebecca Butler's base-hit a couple of batters later. Kayla Brill was subsequently hit by a pitch from Erika Taylor (10-8) to load the bases with two outs.

But Taylor wriggled out of trouble by getting the next batter, Amber Riddle, to strike out looking.

SIUE cracked the scoreboard in the top of the second inning.

Kasey Schlatke drew a two-out walk and Whitney Davis followed with an infield single. A throwing error by Butler at third base allowed Schlatke to come all the way around to score and make it 1-0 Cougars.

The Eagles evened things up in the bottom of the inning on Elizabeth Wagner's solo homerun.

After a scoreless third inning for both teams, SIUE's Taylor Tixley blasted a homerun to centerfield in



Zac Vestring/The Trail Blazer

Ashley Imperial gave up one earned run and scattered five hits over 3.1 innings of work in MSU's win at ECU on Wednesday.

start the frame and give the Cougars a 2-1 lead they would never relinquish.

The fifth inning was a disaster for MSU.

Rachel Coonrod sparked the SIUE attack with a one-out, RBI single up the middle. Tooley was intentionally walked, loading the bases for Brianna Fulginiti, who delivered a run-scoring sacrifice fly to give the Cougars a 4-1 advantage.

Then they broke the game open.

Schlatke ripped a double to left field, plating two runs, and scored moments later on a Davis double to bolster SIUE's lead to 7-1.

The Eagles struck for two runs in the bottom of the sixth via an RBI single by Sam Woodall and a sac fly by Brooke McCartney, but MSU mustered no runs the rest of the way and lost 7-3.

Kasey McMurray (3-5) was saddled with loss after giving up six earned runs and seven hits in five innings of work.

Bruder said MSU's losing streak was especially difficult for the upperclassmen, who had grown accustomed

to winning early in their careers.

"These girls that have been with me for the last three years have seen nothing but success," Bruder said. "This is the first year where they're not seeing success."

Success was nowhere to be found in the second game of Saturday's twin bill, either.

Backed by strong pitching from Lindsey Coleman (2-1), the Cougars edged MSU 4-3.

SIUE drew first blood once again on a Fulginiti RBI double to right center in the second inning. Fulginiti then came home on a Schlatke single to put the Cougars in front, 2-0.

The Eagles did not take long to respond.

Butler led off the home half of the second with a homer to right field. Brill walked and Wagner singled to keep the MSU rally going. Following a Riddle strikeout, Stephanie Eiler singled and Brill scored to tie the game, 2-2.

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MSU head coach Holly Bruder meets with her team on the mound.

Eagles take down West Virginia

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Just a week and a half after the Morehead State men's basketball team pulled off an upset over a Big East school, the MSU baseball team decided to get in on the action.

The Eagles squeezed out a 6-5 victory over the West Virginia Mountaineers Tuesday thanks to a solid pitching performance from freshman Noah Smallwood, who tossed four total innings of no-hit baseball.

Smallwood pitched 6.1 innings, struck out four batters and gave up four hits.

MSU struck the first blow when catcher Eric Bainer grounded out to third base, scoring junior Andrew Deeds from third.

The Mountaineers tied it up in the fifth inning thanks to a single to right field by centerfielder Mark Dvoroznak, which drove a run home.

In the sixth inning third baseman Taylor Davis and Deeds started off with consecutive hits, a double and a single. First baseman Michael Fear was walked to load the bases, which set up Bainer once again. He didn't falter and knocked in both Davis and Deeds to put the Eagles up 3-1.

The lead did not last long.

In the bottom of the sixth, WVU's designated hitter Jeremy Gum belted a two-run home run over the right field wall, tying the game.

Battling to take back the lead Deeds singled to center field allowing Bud Morton to score in the seventh.

West Virginia then stole the lead back thanks to a fielding error and a wild pitch, putting the Mountaineers up 5-4.

But the Eagles fought back.

Bainer led off the inning with a single and was sent to second on a sacrifice bunt from designated hitter Nick Duff.

Shortstop Austin Haney provided an RBI single that scored Bainer to tie the game once again.

Two more hits in the inning led to a bases loaded situation for Davis who battled the pitcher to earn himself a walk, which scored Morton and MSU regained the lead.

They would never surrender it again.

Right-hander Josh Schneider earned his first win of the season after replacing Smallwood in the seventh. Reliever Matt Cartwright earned his third save of the season pitching one hitless inning.

Bainer led the Eagles and went 3 for 4 with three RBI.

The Eagles improved to 5-19 overall.

The Eagles travel to SIU Edwardsville tomorrow for a three-game weekend series.

First pitch is slated for 7 p.m.



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Junior Taylor Davis doubled, drew two walks and knocked in a run to help MSU defeat West Virginia, 6-5, on Tuesday.

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SIUE repeated the feat in the fifth stanza.

With two outs and runners at second and third, Coonrod cleared the bases with a single to right center, making it 4-2.

The Eagles scratched out a run on a Kayla Ashbrook single to centerfield in the bottom of the fifth before both offenses went stale.

Coleman, who surrendered two earned runs and recorded seven strikeouts, notched the win.

Ashley Imperial (5-10)

was tagged with the loss. Imperial gave up two earned runs, two walks, and fanned one batter.

Unfortunately for MSU, the bad vibes carried over into Sunday.

The Eagles left 14 runners on base and committed three errors in a 7-2 setback.

SIUE didn't break pattern, scoring the first three runs of the game in the third inning.

Lindsey Barron hustled for an infield single and then stole second before scoring on a Chelsea

Yankolovich double to left center. A couple batters

(1-3) was victimized with the loss despite surren-

“There are still a lot of opportunities to make this season worth it, especially when you look at conference.”

Holly Bruder
— MSU Softball head coach

six frames, yielding three earned runs and five hits.

Bruder said overcoming a losing streak in softball is harder than in most other sports.

“You’re playing seven games a week, unlike football where you’re playing a game a week and you’ve got a lot of time to sit and look at film, to feel sorry for yourself, to work on getting better,” Bruder said. “How do you enjoy the game when you haven’t seen success in two weeks? It becomes easier to fail.”

Bruder said all hope is

not lost for this season.

“There are still a lot of opportunities to make this season worth it, especially when you look at conference,” she said.

One of those opportunities will come this weekend when the Eagles host Murray State for a three-game OVC set, beginning with a doubleheader Saturday at 1 p.m.

The two teams did not get to play last year due to inclement weather.

Morehead State is 4-7 in the OVC, while Murray is 1-7.



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MSU Shortstop Kayla Ashbrook fires to first base.

later, Yankolovich came home on a fielding error by Etter at second base. Etter suffered an additional miscue later in the inning, allowing another run and making it 3-0 in favor of the Cougars.

MSU quickly fought back.

McCartney walked to lead off the bottom of the third, setting up an Ashbrook homer to left field that cut SIUE's lead to 3-2.

However, the Eagles sputtered the rest of the game while the Cougars added to their advantage.

A Schlafke long ball and a bases-loaded walk by Coonrod accounted for two SIUE runs in the fourth.

Schlafke laid down a sacrifice bunt in the seventh to log another RBI. Davis batted in a run with a single later in the inning to seal the 7-2 triumph.

Taylor got the win on the mound.

MSU's Jami Whitcomb

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